

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **May 22, 2008** @ 4:30
Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Rodriguez, Lennon, Signor, Atkins (Lauritsen
excused absence)

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Rich Glaus, Captain Bob Lowry, Assistant City Attorney
Michelle Montez, Councilmember Iya Falcone, Fire Chief Ron Prince,
Police Technician Holly Michels, Barbara Sansone Secretary,
Lieutenant Martel, Sergeant Baker

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Lennon to approve minutes of **April 24, 2008**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners Signor and Atkins stated that they attended the James Joyce Appeal Hearing

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. DANCE PERMIT – Madison's Grill and Tavern - 525 State St.

Present: Owners, Diane and Derrick Harding and their Manager, Lance King.

Hotel Manager Kay Morter, Tamara Erickson, hotel owner and her attorney, John Greer, spoke against granting the permit

MOTION: Signor to deny permit for 1 year

VOTE: Motion passed; 3 – 1 (Signor, Rodriguez, Lennon aye/Atkins nay)

NOTE:

- On May 23, 2008, after the Hardings filed an appeal with the City Clerk, the City Attorney's Office suspended the Commissioners decision, thus allowing dancing at Madison's until their appeal can be heard before City Council.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Points of Discussion:

- Academy is going well 6 candidates attending
- Mitch Vaughn retired after 29 years
- Busy fire season ahead
- Fire in Santa Cruz, 2000+ acres
- Mitch Vaughn's retirement on June 17 at Dargan's

9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Points of Discussion:

- Arrests of 7 suspects for homicide committed on the Westside
- 6 of the suspects have had murder charges filed against them for and 1 for 32 PC Accessory After the Fact
- Budget presented to Council by Fire and Police Departments; budget has been streamlined;
- Part 1 crimes (major crimes) have been reduced, lowest in the past 10 years
- 6 cadets in the Academy will be graduating in June
- Staffing level is over the funded amount
- Councilmember Falcone stated that Council is 100% behind public safety

11. ADJOURN: 5:33